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SUBJ: ITU BROADCASTING-SATELLITE CONFERENCE: MEXICAN LEADERSHIP  
IN OPPOSING US VIEWS

REF: STATE 2318

1. AS MID POINT OF CONFERENCE DESCRIBED REFTEL APPROACHES  
IT PAINFULLY OBVIOUS THAT REPORTS OF CHANGE OF MEXICAN  
POLICY IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS OF IDENTIFYING US POSITION AND  
TAKING OPPOSITE ONE, ARE PREMATURE.

2. BIGGEST ISSUE AT CONFERENCE IS WHETHER OR NOT ITU REGION  
2 (WESTERN HEMISPHERE) WILL HAVE IMPOSED ON IT AN A PRIORI  
ORBITAL POSITION/ FREQUENCY PLAN (SEE SUBPARA 3A REFTEL).  
US OPPOSITION TO A PRIORI PLANNING IN REGION 2 AND RATIONALE  
FOR EVOLUTIONARY PLANNING WELL KNOWN TO MEXICO SINCE AT  
LEAST AUGUST 1976, WHEN SATELLITE BROADCASTING SEMINAR HELD  
AT RIO DE JANEIRO, WITH BOTH US AND MEXICO PRESENT. SUBSEQUENT  
US EFFORTS TO MEET BILATERALLY WITH MEXICO WERE REBUFFED.  
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THEN, IN ABOUT DECEMBER, MEXICO SUBMITTED PROPOSALS TO  
CONFERENCE TAKING DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED POSITION IN FAVOR OF  
WORLDWIDE A PRIORI PLAN, I.E. INCLUDING REGION 2.

3. MORE SERIOUS STILL, MEXICAN DELEGATION, ALONG WITH  
VENEZUELAN AND CUBAN, HAVE TAKEN LEAD IN GINNING UP LATIN  
AMERICAN OPPOSITION TO EVOLUTIONARY PLANNING FOR REGION 2.

THEY HAVE BEEN LARGELY SUCCESSFUL IN THIS.

4. DURING SECOND WEEK OF CONFERENCE, US SUBMITTED PAPER (DOC. 98, POUCHED EB/TD) ON "SAFEGUARDING FUTURE ACCESS TO THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT." DESPITE FACT THAT PAPER WENT TO SUBSTANTIAL LENGTHS TO MEET CONCERNS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES REGARDING ACCESS TO ORBIT BY LATECOMERS, MEXICO (ALONG WITH BOLIVIA, CUBA, AND VENEZUELA) DISMISSED IT OUT OF HAND.

5. USDEL SUGGESTS TWIN APPROACH TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM.

A. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT MEXICO CITY IN ITS DISCRETION RAISE MATTER WITH DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND IF APPROPRIATE OTHER OFFICIALS. EMBASSY MIGHT OBSERVE THAT NEWS OF REVISED STANCE, IF INDEED THERE IS ONE, HAS NOT REACHED MEXDEL.

B. WE PLAN TO STRESS OUR CONCERNS TO MEXICAN DELEGATES HERE, INDICATING WE ARE SURE WASHINGTON SHARES OUR CONCERN BUT SAYING NOTHING EXPLICIT REGARDING POSSIBLE APPROACH IN MEXICO CITY. WE WOULD ALSO MENTION TO MEXICANS AND SELECTED OTHERS THAT BASED ON CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE, IN PARTICULAR INTRANSIGENCE RE PLANNING APPROACH FOR REGION 2, US MAY NOT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO SIGN FINAL ACTS, A CIRCUMSTANCE WE, AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS, WANT TO AVOID.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.CATTO

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